CLAIMS

What is Claimed Is:

1   1.   A computer, comprising:

2   a setup function setting and display device identifying setting items that are not

3   reflected in a use environment of the computer from among a plurality of setting items, and

4   displaying the setting items that are not reflected in the use environment in a manner

5   recognizable from other setting items.

1   2.   A computer having a setup function, comprising:

2   a memory storing setup history information; and

3   a display controller identifying setting items that are not reflected in a use

4   environment of the computer from a plurality of setting items, and controlling display of the

5   setting items that are not reflected in the use environment in a manner recognizable from other

6   setting items.

1   3.   A computer as recited in claim 1, wherein the setting values set during a setup

2   operation for the setting items that are not reflected in the use environment are replaced by

3   values set by software different from the software used during the setup operation.

4   4.   A computer as recited in claim 2, wherein the setting values set during a setup

5   operation for the setting items that are not reflected in the use environment are replaced by

6   values set by software different from the software used during the setup operation.

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1   5. A computer display method, comprising:

2   identifying setting items that are not reflected in a use environment of the computer

3 from among a plurality of setting items; and

4   displaying the setting items that are not reflected in a manner recognizable from other

5 setting items.

1   6. A computer readable storage medium storing a program for implementing a

2 display method with a computer, the method comprising:

3   identifying settings that are not reflected in a use environment of the computer from

4 among a plurality of setting items; and

5   displaying the setting items that are not reflected in a recognizable from other setting

6 items.

1   7. A computer, comprising:

2   a first setup function setting and display device controlled by a first program to set

3 items related to a use environment of the computer and to display the set items;

4   a second setup function setting device controlled by a second program to set items

5 related to the use environment of the computer, an item set by the second setup function setting

6 device having priority over the same item set by the first setup function setting device; and

7   an identifying device to identify the items set by the second setup function setting

8 device having priority over the items set by the first setup function setting device.

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1   8.   A computer as recited in claim 7, wherein the second setup function setting

2   device disables the same item set by the first setup function setting device.

1   9.   A computer as recited in claim 7, further comprising a display to display the

2   item identified by the identifying device in a manner distinguishable from other items.

1   10.   A computer as recited in claim 9, wherein the display displays the item

2   identified in halftone dot mesh.

1   11.   A computer as recited in claim 7, wherein the first program is a basic input

2   output system program and the second program is an operating system program.

1   12.   A computer as recited in claim 7, wherein the first program is a basic input

2   output system program and the second program is an application program.

1   13.   A computer as recited in claim 7, wherein the first program is an operating

2   system program and the second program is a basic input output system program.

1   14.   A computer as recited in claim 7, wherein the first program is an application

2   program and the second program is a basic input output system program.

1   15.   A computer as recited in claim 7, wherein the first program is an application

2   program and the second program is an application program.

1   16.   A computer as recited in claim 9, wherein the identifying device comprises a

2   history information setting device to monitor the set items and to store a history of items set by

3   the first setting device which are modified by the second setting device, and the display

4   displays the item in a manner distinguishable from other items based on the stored history.

1   17.   A computer as recited in claim 16, wherein the history information setting

2   device comprises a non-volatile memory storing the history of items set by the first setting

3   device which are modified by the second setting device.

       18.   A method of operating a computer, comprising:

       setting items related to a use environment of the computer using a first program;

       setting items related to the use environment of the computer using a second program,

an item set using the second program having priority over the same item set using the first

program; and

6   identifying the items set using the second program having priority over the items set

7   by the first program; and

8   displaying the identified items in a manner distinguishable from other items.